Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Bombay in 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the premises being occupied by MTNL in Khar area of Bombay, has not been handed over to the owners for more than a year even after clear orders by Government; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons thereafter and by when the premises in Khar area will be handed over to the owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) It was agreed in 1992 to vacate the Kalpana Building, occupied by MTNL Bombay, in Khar area provided some suitable alternate accommodation became available.

(c) and (d) It has not been possible to vacate the above building for want of suitable alternate accommodation. Efforts are continuing to find a suitable alternate accommodation and as soon as the same becomes available, the premises occupied by MTNL, Bombay in the above building will be released.

Facilities in Rural Post Offices in Punjab, U.P. and Bihar

1369. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of Post Offices located in various villages in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar where P.C.O. telegramms and savings bank facilities are available;

(b) whether Government propose to provide these facilities in all rural Post Offices in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in the near future; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) District-wise details of post offices in Uttar Pradesh where Savings Bank facility is available is given in the statement (*See* below). Details of post offices having Savings Bank facility in Punjab and Bihar and those having P.C.O. and telegraph facilities in Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) There is no separate programme to provide telephone facility in post offices. However, it is proposed to provide public telephone facility in all the Panchayat villages in the country progressively by 31-3-95 subject to availability of resources. These public telephones are to be located at panchayat headquarters post offices, grocers' shops of other suitable places easily accessible to the public.

Statement

District-wise number of post offices located in various villages in U. P. where savings Bank facilities are available

Region	Having Savings Bank facilities.
1	2
Bareilly Region	
Bareilly	148
Nainital	227
Pilibhit	128
Moradabad	290
Rampur	105
Badaun	227
Shahjahanpur	259
Kheri	245
Hardoi	263
Almora	439
Pithoragarh	266
TOTAL	2697
Agra Region	
Agra	250
Aligarh	415
Bulandshahr	330
Etah	283
Firozabad	609
Orai	215
Jhansi	166
Mainpuri	154
Mathura	203
Lalitpur	140
TOTAL :	3033

Statement—contd.

1	2
Allahabad Region	
Allahabad	440
Pratapgarh	304
Varanasi	306
Ghazipur	354
Jaunpur	396
Mirzapur	136
TOTAL :	1936
Lucknow Region	
Lucknow	143
Barabanki	282
Sitapur	355
Sultanpur	444
Raebareli	397
Faizabad	558
TOTAL :	2179
Kanpur Region	
Kanpur City	80
Kanpur Dehat	275
Unnao	246
Fatehpur	232
Banda	271
Hamirpur	210
Farrukhabad	252
TOTAL :	1566
Dehradun Region	
Bijnor	256
Chamoli	328
Dehradun	181
Ghaziabad	190
Meerut	308
Muzaffarnagar	272
Pauri Garhwal	414
Saharanpur	171
Haridwar	79
Tehri	252
Uttarkashi	125
TOTAL :	2576

Statement—concld.

1	2
Gorakhpur Region :	
Azamgarh	348
Mau	164
Baharaich	371
Ballia	325
Basti	322
Sidharthnagar	214
Deoria	467
Gonda	459
Gorakhpur	345
Maharajganj	200
TOTAL :	3215

Telegraph Offices in Punjab

1370. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to open new telegraph offices and modernise the existing ones in the State of Punjab during the year 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with locations and if not, reasons therefor; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) There new telegraph offices at Ropar, Mansa, Sirhind (Fategarh Sahib) are to be opened through upgradation. Seven new telecom centres are also proposed to be opened at Haronagar Ludhiana, Naya Nangal, DCW Patiala, Railway Coach Factory Kapurthala, Nakodar, Phagwara and Nawanshaher.

(ii) The existing telegraph offices numbering 22 will be modernised. In addition modern equipments like EKB, formated